(c) whether it is a fact that import contents in the production from intermediate stage is more than the CIF price of the imported drug;

(d) what are the imported intermediates used by the companies and what is the import content per kg. of production of Vitamin B6;

(e) whether it is a fact that Vitamin B6 is price decontrolled; and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Two companies namely M|s. IDPL and M|s. Lupin Lab Ltd., are producing Vit. B6 bulk drug from DL-Alanine and Ethyl Aceto Acetate Stage respectively.

(c) and (d) The CIF price of Vit. B6 ranges from US $ 35.00 to 40.00 (around Rs. 540 to Rs. 620 per kg.) whereas as per the information received from the Companies, the CIF price for imported raw materials going into the production of I kg. of Vit. B6 is approximately Rs. 212 for M|s. IDPL and Rs. 204.34 for M|s. Lupin Labs Ltd.

Both the companies are using four imported raw materials as per details given below:-

M/s. IDPL

1. DL-Alanine
2. Disbutenediol
3. Dimethyl Formamide.
4. Isobutyraldehyde

M/s. Lupin Lab Limited

1. Ethyl Aceto Acetate
2. Formamide.
3. Butenediol
4. Isobutyraldehyde.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Does not arise, in view of information at (c) and (d) above.

Concentration aspect in the Kelkar Committee Report

1454. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kelkar Committee has not defined concentration in the Report;

(b) what is the meaning of concentration as adopted by the Committee;

(c) whether his Ministry has examined the criteria of concentration and its meaning;

(d) whether it is also a fact that concentration aspect has been ignored in several instances;

(e) whether his Ministry has come across such instances; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (f) The relevant papers are being looked into and information, to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House, as early as possible.

Shifting of Rifampicin from Category-I to Category-II

1455. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee observed cartel formulation in the import of intermediate as well as bulk drug while recommending shifting of Rifampicin from Category-I to Category-II;

(b) whether it is a fact that committee discussed to allow free imports of both to prevent cartel formulation;

(c) whether Committee made any recommendations in respect to free imports and overinvoicing; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The Kelkar Committee in its supplementary report has observed that internationally Rifampicin is manufactured by a few producers who frequently formed cartels to monopolise Rifampicin price to their maximum advantages.

(b) to (d) All steps which help the indigenisation programme and protect the interest of the consumer are kept in view by the Government.

Use of FAX Machines in the country

1456. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMNICATIONS be pleased to state: the details of progress made in the country so far in the use of FAX machines and regarding introduction of electronic mail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): The FAX service has been introduced from 58 telegraph offices in the country, as per list attached. (See statement below).) Feasibility of introducing electronic mail is being studied.

Statement

Station where Bureau FAX Service Commissioned/Installed

Sl. No.	Station	Sl. No.	Station
1.	Bombay	21.	Mangalore
2.	Calcutta	22.	Trivandrum
3.	Madras	23.	Pune
4.	New Delhi	24.	Vishakapatnam
5.	Gauhati	25.	Bhubaneswar
6.	Lucknow	26.	Kanpur
7.	Jaipur	27.	Coimbatore
8.	Hyderabad	28.	Bhopal
9.	Agra	29.	Madurai
10.	Port Blair	30.	Kohima
11.	Patna	31.	Mysore
12.	Bangalore	32.	Vadodra
13.	Ahmedabad	33.	Jodhpur
14.	Shillong	34.	Ranchi
15.	Secunderabad	35.	Allahabad
16.	Srinagar (J&K)	36.	Gangtok
17.	Shimla	37.	Dimapur
18.	Ambala	38.	Itanagar
19.	Chandigarh		
20.	Ajmer	39.	Imphal